Study on status of minorities

3424. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of media reports on a NCAER study on status of minorities;

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained the conclusion of the said report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The reports in the media on the NCAER Study have come to the notice of government. The reports are based on tabulations obtained from one of the income surveys conducted by NCAER for the year 2004-05 and are based on the result of a multistage, stratified, random sample.

Corpus of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation

3425. SHRI 8.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to enhance the Corpus of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation in view of the recommendations made[v] in the Sachar Committee Report for the economic upliftment of minorities;

(b) whether public sector banks are being mandated to provide financial assistance to small time entrepreneurs,, traders and artisans from the minority communities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The authorized share capital of NMDFC has been raised from Rs. 500 crore to Rs. 650 crore during 2004-05. The budgetary allocation for equity contribution by Central Government has been raised from Rs. 18.29 crores in 2006-07 to Rs. 70 crors during 2007-08.